Act has since been adopted by the States of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Orissa.

(d) Land being a State subject, the State Governments are free to either have their own Land Ceiling Act or continue with the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 or adopt Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Repeal Act, 1999.

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

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SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government for this scheme during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) was launched in March, 1994, for small towns with a population upto 20,000 as per 1991 census with a funding pattern of 50:50 between the Centre and the States. Subsequently, 1244 water supply schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 1821.83 crore have been approved under the scheme and Central share amounting to Rs. 760.09 crore has been released up to 31.3.2005. The scheme of AUWSP has been subsumed in the new scheme of Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) which has been launched recently. Hence, no new project has been sanctioned under AUWSP during the current financial year.

(c) The amounts allocated during the last three years are as under :—

2002-03	Rs. 121.95 crore
2003-04	Rs. 140 crore
2004-05	Rs. 150 crore

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.